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You are welcome to donate art items towards this fundraising auction! Many thanks to those members who have already committed their support!

100 years for nature

Golf Tournament

Friday 6 February
12 noon at the Karen Golf Club



Corporate organisations are teeing it off on this day in a fundraising golf tournament. Come and watch the action with us.

100th Anniversary Gala Dinner Party

Saturday 28 March
7 pm at the Nairobi National Museum, Museum Hill

Come enjoy a memorable commemoration evening with different speakers, members and toast to 100 years for nature.

Featuring:
Special Guest - Jonathan Scott - renowned co-host of the BBC Big Cat Diary and author
Art auction and Nature Kenya communities exhibit Awards to our leading contributors and so much more - including entertainment by Jua Kali Drummers - a street orchestra using recycled waste materials as musical instruments;
Caroline Nderitu - Kenya's leading Poetess; and music by Code Red

Only 300 tickets are available, so don't wait to get your ticket. Tickets are available at Nature Kenya offices, Nairobi Museum or call or write and we can have them delivered your office in Nairobi or by registered mail.

Tickets; members Ksh 2500/-, non-members Ksh.3000/-, Corporate table for 4 @ Ksh 14,000

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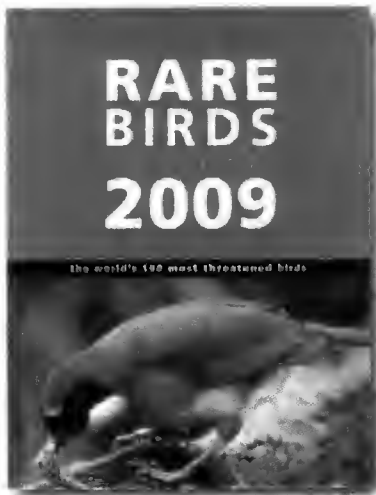
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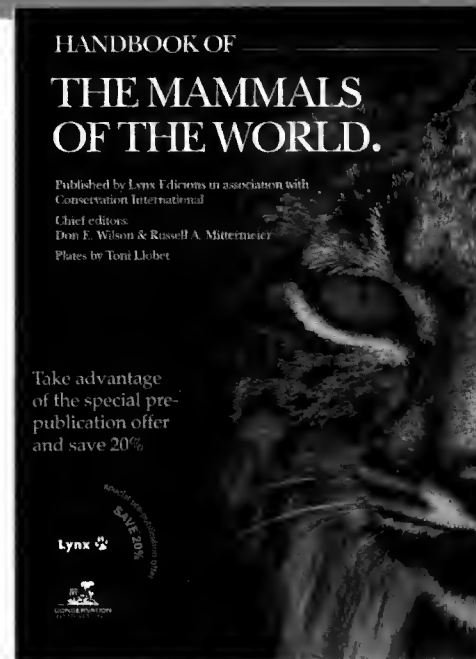


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Students	100	200	15
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Adults	200	500	20
Children (from 3 to < 18yrs)	100	250	10
Students	50	250	10
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Adults	200	300	20
Children (from 3 to < 18yrs)	100	150	10
Students	100	150	10
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Adults	100	300	15
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Students	50	150	10

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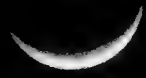
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1st December 08 moon
and planets "Smiley" by
Brian Finch

The Evening Sky February '09

Ian MacKay and Fleur Ngweni

Moon, February 2009

An eclipse of the moon on the evening of February 9: A lunar eclipse happens when the Earth passes between the sun and the full moon, casting its shadow on the moon. Only the outer shadow will be seen; the moon is visible, but its colour is different. Look for the full moon opposite the sunset, right after sunset.

Feb 2 - first quarter; moon overhead at sunset;
Feb 9 - full moon; Feb 16 - last quarter, moon overhead at dawn; Feb 25 - new moon

Stars and planets, February 2009

Two brilliant lights dominate the evening sky: the planet Venus over the sunset in the west, and the star Sirius across the sky in the southeast. Each day Venus is a little lower.

Sirius is the brightest star that we see at night. The second brightest star, Canopus, is to the right of Sirius, low in the southern sky. Further southwest is the star Achernar.

Orion, the Hunter or Warrior of Greek myths, travels across the February evening sky. Pick out this distinctive constellation by the three bright stars in a row in the middle. To the ancient Greeks, this was Orion's belt. His sword - three fainter stars in a row - hangs from his belt. Four bright stars represent Orion's shoulders and knees. Rigel, blue-green in colour, is one knee, kicking into the sky; and one shoulder, lowest in the east, is formed by orange Betelgeuse.

To the north of Orion, five bright stars form a giant pentagon. This is the constellation of

Auriga, the Charioteer. The brightest of the five is the star Capella.

The Pleiades or Seven Sisters - a cluster of stars close together - is high in the north, almost overhead. Between the Pleiades and Orion, look for the reddish star Aldebaran, the fiery eye of the constellation of Taurus, the bull. The Hyades star cluster forms a letter "V", starting from Aldebaran.

Morning Sky, February 2009

The planet Saturn rises during the evening; at dawn it is high in the west. West of Saturn is the star Regulus and east of Saturn is the blue-white star Spica. The orange star Arcturus is north of Spica. Jupiter and Mars rise a little before dawn; they are close together in mid-February, especially on February 18. Look for them over the sunrise.

Comet Lulin

A new comet, C/2007 N1 or Comet Lulin, will pass by the Earth in February 2009! Comet Lulin passed the sun on January 14, and will come nearest to the Earth on February 24. Rather faint now, Comet Lulin may be bright enough to see with the naked eye (in rural areas, away from city lights) in mid-February. It is traveling along the ecliptic - the path of the moon and planets.

Look for a fuzzy, hazy, slightly elongated point of light in the sky between midnight and dawn. On February 16 the comet will be north of the blue-white star Spica (see Morning Sky). On February 24 it will be just south-southwest of the planet Saturn.

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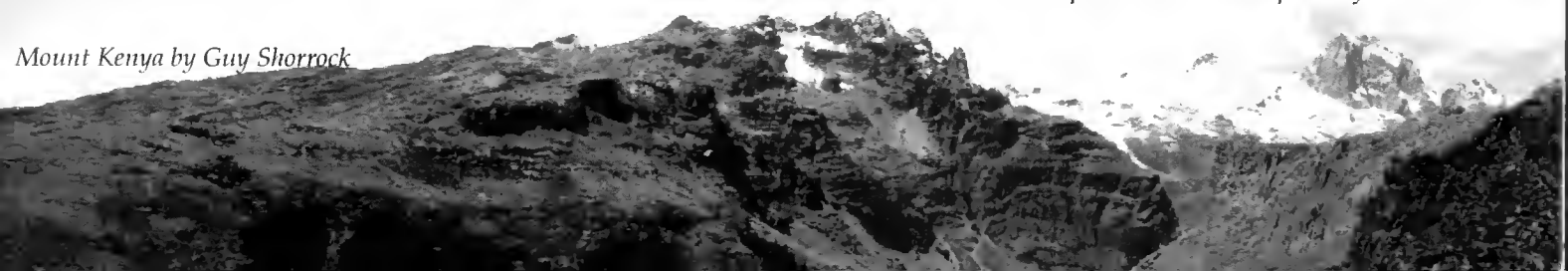


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Mount Kenya by Guy Shorrocks



in the field

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Wed 4 Wednesday Morning Birdwalk

Sat 8 Tree walk

Sun 15 Sunday Birdwalk

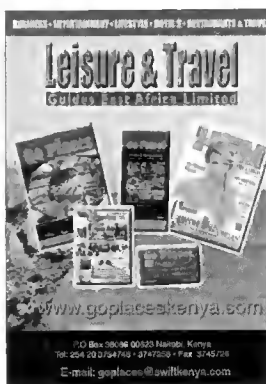
Mon 23 Tree Walk

Bird ringing every Thursday morning (check with Ornithology section, National Museums)

Wednesday Morning Birdwalks meet EVERY WEEK at 8:45 am in the Museum staff car park. The entrance is on Kipande Road. **Sunday Birdwatch** (also called "Pot-luck Outings") meet the THIRD Sunday of each month at 9:00 am at the same location. Bring lunch.

Mailing address:

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Fundamentals of Ornithology

A certificate course for Bird guides and birders
Elsamere Field Studies Centre, Lake Naivasha
Thur. 16- Fri. 24 April 2009

Fees: Citizens 30,000, Non citizens \$ 460 to be paid in full by 1 April 2009.

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Bird Guides at a course
Photo by Elly Gathungu

Step Out! yes you can

to GATAMAIYU Forest
Overnight camping
Sat. 21 Feb or
Day out Sun. 22 Feb

Located about 7 kms from the main road, Gatamaiyu is part of the Kijabe Escarpment Forests, which is home to many species of plants, birds and mammals.

Meet at the Nairobi National Museum car park, outside the Louis Leakey Hall at 3:15 p.m. Leave Nairobi at 3.30 p.m. to camp overnight at the Fishing camp - on 21st February

KENVO (the Kijabe Environment Volunteers) will be our host and have arranged meals, guided walks and a visit to the new Kereita KENVO Centre.

On Sunday 22 February meet at the Nairobi National Museum car park, outside the Louis Leakey Hall to leave Nairobi at 8 a.m.

- GATAMAIYU FISHING CAMP located in the forest, has very basic amenities
- Meals will be simple and local, bring whatever else you need including drinking water
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